

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Sinclair Broadcasting obviously is being generously funded, and fining them will not make this fair - They need to be stopped from making their opinions into public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I know the FCC tries to protect the public from being offended, and I believe its important for those opinions to be expressed in a non-partisan way. Thank you.